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- 1. EMBASSY IS STRUCK BY THIS ADDITIONAL INDICATION OF BRAZILIAN DISTRESS AT POSITIONS OF SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA, THIS TIME IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN ARMIES. WE UNDERSTAND FROM DEFENSE ATTACHE THAT BRAZILIAN CONCERN WAS DIRECTED, NOT SO MUCH AT NEGATIVE ACTIONS ON PART OF REPRESENATITIVES OF THE ABOVE COUNTRIES IN THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS, BUT MORE AT THE GENERAL FLABBINESS OF THEIR POSITIONS AND RESPONSES.
- 2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WE ARE SEEING THE RESULTS OF A COORDINATED FOREIGN MINISTRY-MILITARY POSITION. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE TENTATIVE NATURE OF PADILHA VIDAL'S ARGUMENTS AS EXPRESSED IN REF A AND THE DOUBTS ATTRIBUTED TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTERY CARVALHO E SILIVA, IT APPEARS MORE LIKELY THAT COLONEL NUNES DA SILVA'S JUDGMENT WAS ARRIVED AT INDEPENDENTLY.

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3. EMBASSY HAS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHETHER COORDINATION HAS IN FACT TAKEN PLACE IN VIEW OF SENSITIVE NATURE OF DEFENSE ATTACHE SOURCE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THIS ADDITIONAL DATA WARRANTS AN UPDATED ASSESSMENT OF SALVADORAN, HONDURAN AND NICARAGUAN POSITIONS WITH REGARD TO THE LIFTING OF CUBAN SANCTIONS. CRIMMINS

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